GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:723
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FOREIGN AIDED IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total investments involved in each of the externally aided water resources projects in the country;

(b) whether the foreign aid has been utilised fully;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken to utilise the funds to the fullest extent; and

(d) by what time these projects are likely to be completed and made operational?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (DR. C. P. THAKUR)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS(a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.723 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 17.05.2000 REGARDING FOREIGN AIDED IRRIGATION PROJECTS.

The project wise investment involved in case of the foreign aided water resources projects under this Ministry, the amount of external aid, its utilisation along with date of commencement and completion is attached as Annexure-I.

The utilisation of foreign aid is a continuous process and depends on signing of new projects for implementation with various donor agencies as is clear from the Annexure. Slow progress on some of the projects is due to project specific reasons, like financial crunch of the State Governments, teething problems, delay in land acquisition, shortage of staff, delay in finalisation of bidding documents and appreciation of donor currency etc.

The progress of the projects, including utilisation of funds are reviewed by the Government of India on a quarterly basis, and where the progress is not as per the schedule, necessary advice and instructions are given to the concerned State Governments at the level of Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries/Secretaries (Irrigation/Water Resources) and the project authorities to improve matters.